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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"No, Sir, 'Ring-barking' is a technical word for cutting for illicit distillation."

Construction of a road from Kadalundi to Feroke.

* 126 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any Memorandum, dated 10th September 1953, from the President, Kadalundi–Mannur–Feroke Road Committee, regarding construction of a road from Kadalundi to Feroke and if so, what has been done?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—"Yes. Government have approved the proposal of the Kadalundi–Mannur–Feroke Road Committee to form the road from Kadalundi to Feroke *via* Mannur."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"Sir, since the people have offered land and labour free, will the Government consider giving this item priority?"

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—"Yes. Sir. The Government have already advised the Special Officer of the District Board to include this item in the local development scheme."

Shifting of the Agricultural Depot at Payyanur.

* 127 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Agricultural Depot at Payyanur, North Malabar, has been shifted from that place?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"The Agricultural Depot at Payyanur is under the control and within the jurisdiction of the Additional Agricultural Demonstrator, Chirakkal taluk. Payyanur is however at one extreme end of the area of jurisdiction of this Demonstrator. The Agricultural Depot was therefore shifted to the headquarters of the Demonstrator, namely, Taliparamba."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"പയ്യന്നൂർ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഒരു വ്യവസായികളുടെ കേന്ദ്രമായതുകൊണ്ടും തളിപ്പറമ്പിൽ പോകണമെങ്കിൽ വളരെ ദൂരം നടന്നുപോകേണ്ടതുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടും പയ്യന്നൂരിൽ ഇതേവരെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന അഗ്രികൾച്ചറൽ ഡിപ്പോ നിലനിർത്തുമോ? ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഒരു പുതിയ അഗ്രികൾച്ചറൽ ഡിപ്പോ പയ്യന്നൂരിൽ തുറക്കുവാനുള്ള നിർദ്ദേശം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി കൊടുക്കുമോ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"As I have said, Payyanur is at the other extreme end of the taluk and further at Taliparamba there is an Agricultural Research Station. Taliparamba, also being a central place, the depot has been shifted there. If I am not mistaken, Sir, Payyanur is perhaps included in the National Extension Service Scheme. Under this scheme, there will be an additional Demonstrator and we will consider locating him at Payyanur."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that demands have been coming for more and more depots from important centres in the Malabar district as, for instance, Payyanur, will the Government consider increasing the number of depots in this district?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, we have been increasing the number of Demonstrators but it is subject to the availability of funds as depots mean demonstrators which in turn mean finance. But, as I have already said. it is possible that we will have another demonstrator at Payyanur."

Landslide in Mangalore.

* 128 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons were buried alive in the recent landslide in Mangalore taluk;

(*b*) how many of the victims have been unearthed; and

(*c*) what is the amount of relief disbursed to the families of the victims?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Eight persons were buried alive in the recent landslide in the Mangalore taluk.

" (*b*) One victim has been unearthed

" (*c*) A sum of Rs. 225 was disbursed out of the discretionary grant with the Collector and a sum of Rs. 75 was disbursed by the Red Cross Society, Mangalore. In addition, a sum of Rs. 200 was collected from the public by the Secretary. District Congress Committee, and granted to the families of the victims. The families of the victims were also supplied with clothing worth Rs. 27 collected from the public by the Secretary, District Congress Committee, Mangalore. Five palmyra trees were also granted to the families by the Collector free of seigniorage value from Government land. Further, a Government poramboke land was immediately selected and the families of the victims were permitted to occupy the land for constructing houses pending formal assignment."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue gave us accounts of the help rendered by Congress Committees. Is it because no other political party or committee rendered any help or the Government did not care to enquire about it?"

THE HON. SRI M. A MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, in addition to the Congress Committee I mentioned the Red Cross Society also. Probably the hon. Gentleman's party was not quite active during that period."